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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Of:	)
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HORSE SHOE AND MEDICAL	)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination of the above application.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below.

1-25. (Currently Canceled)

26. (New) A horse shoe comprising a sole member, a front panel which is connected to and extends upwardly from the front of said sole so as, in use, to extend along the front of the hoof of an animal, a back panel which is connected to and extends upwards from the back of said sole so, in use, to extend along the back of the hoof of an animal, a front strap assembly which extends obliquely on each side of the shoe between a rear portion of the base and said front panel, and a rear strap assembly which extends obliquely on each side of the shoe between a front portion of the base and said back panel.